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FARES TO WEISER

As any information concerning travel is never complete without a table of rates, the following is given to show approximate railroad fare and sleeping car berth rates from principal eastern cities to Weiser, Idaho.

FROM	Via Direct Routes		FROM	Via Direct Routes	
	First Class	Second Class		First Class	Second Class
Boston	$64.50	$63.00	St. Paul	$41.25	$40.00
New York	63.55	.....	Omaha	38.55	.....
Philadelphia	63.30	.....	Kansas City	38.55	.....
Washington	63.30	.....	Charleston	66.50	.....
Baltimore	63.30	.....	Atlanta	61.35	.....
Pittsburg	55.55	.....	Birmingham	57.90	.....
Buffalo	57.05	56.05	Nashville	54.05	.....
Cleveland	52.90	.....	Memphis	49.30	.....
Detroit	51.55	.....	New Orleans	60.05	.....
Cincinnati	52.05	.....	Houston	54.60	.....
Chicago	46.55	.....	El Paso	53.15	45.00
St. Louis	45.55	.....			

Freight Rates to Weiser.

On emigrant movables and household goods declared value not over $10.00 per cwt.

Carload lots (not less than 20,000 pounds):	Per Cwt.
From Chicago	77c
From Mississippi River points	69½c
From Missouri River points	50c
Less than carload lots:	Per Cwt.
From Chicago	$2.00
From Mississippi River points	1.90
From Missouri River points	1.40

SLEEPING CAR RATES: To Weiser from New York City, $18.00; Boston, $18.50; Chicago, $13.00.

TOURIST: From Boston, $9.25; From Chicago, $6.50.

THERE ARE FOUR SPECIAL FARES TO WEISER, IDAHO, IN EFFECT DURING CERTAIN PARTS OF THE YEAR. THEY ARE

1. The Summer Tourist.

During the summer months, greatly reduced round-trip fares are in effect from the entire East to Portland, Oregon, and San Francisco, Cal., and such tickets may be routed via the O. S. L. through Weiser, stopover privileges being granted at that point, if passenger so desires. Summer Tourist tickets are sold also direct to Weiser.

2. The Regular Round-Trip Excursion.

Throughout the year round-trip tickets with nine months' limit may be purchased to Portland via San Francisco, or San Francisco via Portland, which also carry stopover privileges at Weiser. Full information about these rates will be cheerfully furnished by applying to any of our representatives named on the following page.

3. The Colonist Fare.

During the spring and fall months it is customary for very low fares to be put in to Pacific Northwest points. The fare from Missouri River points, such as Omaha, St. Joseph, Kansas City, etc., also St. Paul and Minneapolis, to Weiser, Idaho, is $25.00 and Chicago $33.00, with correspondingly reduced fares from Eastern States generally.

4. The Homeseekers' Fare.

During certain periods of the year, round-trip fares for homeseekers are in effect from various points in the United States to Weiser, Idaho. The rates are about one and one-half fare for the round trip. Ask your nearest railroad representative about them.

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Questions and Answers About Weiser

THERE are numerous people in the East who would come to the West if they but knew where to go without too great an expenditure of money in looking for a proper location in the vast country called "The West." It is the purpose of this little booklet to set forth plainly and simply the facts of Southern Idaho in general and of the Weiser Valley in particular, in order that the tourist and homeseeker may not blindly pass on through that very place that he has pictured in his imagination, but vainly seeks to find in reality. Ignorant of Weiser and its opportunities, he would, in all probability, purchase a through ticket; and unless Providence intervened he would pass by without so much as a suspicion that here was a city and a country, so rich in natural resources, so attractive in its setting, and with so great advantages for home making, that any trip to the Pacific Coast, either for sightseeing or homeseeking, would be incomplete if Weiser were omitted from the itinerary.

In order to answer such inquiries as the intelligent reader would be most likely to propound concerning Weiser, the information is conveyed in the form of questions and answers.

Spraying Apple Orchard near Weiser

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Alfalfa Yields Six and Eight Tons per Acre a Year

Where is Weiser?

Weiser, Idaho, is situated on the main line of the Oregon Short Line, about midway between Salt Lake City, Utah, and Portland, Oregon. The depot stands on high ground near the bank of the beautiful, swift-flowing Snake River.

What sort of climate prevails at Weiser?

In winter there is considerable snowfall, but never any wind. The snow melts where it falls. Compared with anywhere east of the Rocky Mountains the winters are very mild. The summers are sufficiently hot to promote rapid growth and insure a proper coloring for the apple crop. Taken the year round, it would be hard to find a place that surpasses it in point of climate.

Is it a windy country?

No. Sometimes, after a hot day in summer, there is a clouding up as though there would be a thunder shower; but this invariably breaks up with a blustering though not violent wind lasting about half an hour. We are not afflicted with the steady and tormenting winds that are the bane of many places, both east and west.

What is the elevation of Weiser?

The elevation at Weiser is twenty-one to twenty-three hundred feet—an ideal elevation for fruit.

Do frosts make the crops uncertain?

The oldest and most reliable settlers will tell you that there never was a failure of the apple crop until last

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Weiser is one of the Primary Sheep-feeding Districts of the United States

year. While no region anywhere is perfectly immune from frost danger, we have such immunity that crops are practically certain without "smudging" and absolutely certain with it.

What are smudge pots?

Smudge pots are contrivances designed for the production of smoke and heat, and thus, placed at intervals in the orchard on a frosty night, preserve the proper temperature.

Are they proving successful?

Very. So much so that they are rapidly being installed in all the principal orchards of the West everywhere.

What are the activities in progress?

The people are engaged in every sort of business, including especially stock-raising, farming, gardening, and fruit-raising. Just now, as the people of the town are engaged in opening up a large part of their irrigable lands, they are laying special stress upon Weiser as a place destined to become the center for vast operations in fruit-packing and shipment.

Is there a boom at Weiser?

No. There never has been. Weiser has reached its present size without any booming or advertisement of any kind, and its citizens now only wish the absolute truth to be told regarding their resources.

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Orchards are Scientifically Cultivated and Yield Maximum Returns

Why are so many homeseekers looking to Southern Idaho at present?

Because here are found in combination excelled nowhere, all those necessary qualities of soil, climate, water, altitude, etc., which have been found necessary to the production of that most profitable of all crops, the apple.

What kind of soil is found at Weiser?

The soil is of volcanic origin and is called volcanic ash. It is the same kind of soil that in places in the oldest inhabited parts of the globe has been farmed continuously for centuries and still retains its richness.

What is the available area of this land at Weiser?

Not all of the ditches are put in yet, but eventually there will be 55,000 acres of this rich land brought under cultivation through irrigation.

What will this soil produce?

Almost anything you plant in it. It will produce as much corn per acre as Nebraska or Iowa, as much wheat as the Palouse County, as much alfalfa as California, Oregon or Washington's best lands, and all other crops suited to its latitude in corresponding proportion.

How long will the soil last?

Similar soil under the ditches of Sicily and the Nile River in Egypt have retained their fertility for thousands of years.

How is irrigation carried on at Weiser?

The largest project at present being put on, The Crane Creek Project, retains ample water for all its needs in an

A Weiser Apple Orchard is a Thing of Beauty and an Income Forever

immense reservoir back in the mountains. Others, like the Sunnyside Orchard tracts, are watered by pumping stations situated on the banks of the never-failing Snake River.

Is the water supply adequate?

It can truthfully be said that the resources of this district in this respect are admirable and can never be exhausted.

Will irrigation spoil the land in time?

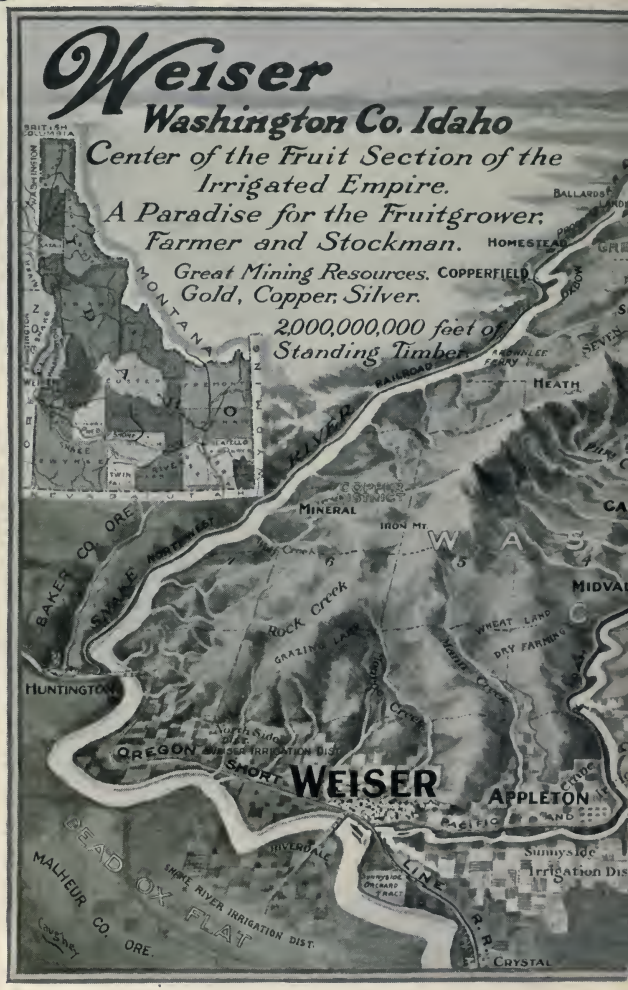
In some sections where the supply of water is not pure, this is the tendency of irrigation, but where the pure snow water from the mountains is used, there can never be any such result.

What is the cost of irrigating?

When one buys a tract of land, the cost of clearing and leveling depends entirely upon the nature of the ground and the shape in which it is desired to be put. Some land can be prepared for $5 an acre, and some would require twenty times that sum. One can easily get land about Weiser that is already leveled by Nature and the cost of putting such land under cultivation is nominal. After the land is under cultivation, the cost of maintenance of the ditches is from $1 to $4 per acre per annum. The cost of such maintenance on the main canals of the irrigation projects about Weiser is not expected to exceed $1 per acre per year.

Is irrigation pleasant work or drudgery?

The novice may find it a little difficult to manage at first, but soon learns the trick and, as a rule, likes it.



Many of the most prosperous and happy homes are of such a class of persons. Freed from the restraints and bondages of modern city life, yet not without the means to have modern conveniences, the man, his wife and the children usually become enthusiasts of the first order.

What are the profits of fruit-growing at Weiser?

The net profits of the horticulturist are most varied. They depend upon the kind of fruit, its quality, its pack-

ing, the market and many other minor details. It may safely be said that the profits are greater than in any other agricultural pursuit. So great are they that an actual enumeration of the facts placed before the farmer of the middle, western or eastern states, seems to him a gross exaggeration and has the effect of discrediting everything else that is told him concerning the country. Apples will return net $250 to $500 per acre; pears more;

Fruit-raising near Weiser is a Fully Demonstrated Success

peaches, plums, cherries, etc., a little less. Profits increase with the age of the trees.

Why do not more people flock into this industry?

The greatest reason is that an orchard in bearing is too expensive for any one but a capitalist to buy and the planting and care of an orchard until it comes into bearing, requires several years of time and much careful and painstaking labor.

Is commercial fruit-raising at Weiser a fact now?

It is a fact. To-day one may see the promise of the largest crop in its history and there have been as many as one hundred and seven cars of fruit shipped out in a single season.

Can a man of limited means succeed at Weiser?

Just now our lands are cheap. Ten acres, which is a good farm for one man, can be bought by one of very limited means, and whatever may be the hardships and struggle during the interim, the coming into bearing of his orchard means to him comfort and affluence for the rest of his life.

What is destined to be the principal industry?

As outlined above, we have a great diversity of industries, but without doubt, the growing and shipping of fruit will shortly eclipse every other form of activity.

Is there not great danger of overproduction in the fruit business?

Apparently not. This cry was heard twenty years ago and yet the prices of good apples have not declined, but rather advanced. Numerous articles published in our

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Weiser is Proud of her Comfortable and Attractive Homes

most conservative papers indicate that the "Big Red Apple" is going to be in great demand for unlimited years to come.

What farm products are actually marketed at Weiser?

The farmers raise almost everything—wheat, corn, rye, oats, barley, potatoes, beets, onions, and they have a large acreage of that greatest of all forage crops, alfalfa.

Is it a good country for poultry?

The dry atmosphere, freedom from wind and great amount of sunshine make it a good country for the production of eggs and poultry, and markets near at hand at the mines and sawmills make the disposal of such commodities easy and profitable.

Is mining carried on to any extent?

Yes. An exceedingly rich section of country known as "The Seven Devils' District," whose development has been retarded on account of lack of transportation facilities, is now being opened up by capitalists, and the markets afforded by these new camps will make gardening and fruit-growing at Weiser even still more profitable.

What is the possible output of lumber in and about Weiser?

Washington County has about two billion feet of standing timber well distributed over the higher lands and mountain slopes. The timber line extends down to within twenty miles of Weiser and several sawmills are in operation.

Are there yet opportunities for the stockman?

Yes. This vicinity offers some excellent opportunities for engaging in this line of industry. Nine months of range on public lands is one of the many advantages.

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Street Scene in Weiser, Idaho

What disposition of stock is made in the winter time?

Unless the rancher has sufficient hay land on his ranch in the mountains, he brings his stock to the valleys in the winter time where they are fattened on the rich alfalfa hay that is produced on these lower lands.

What are the marketing facilities at Weiser?

The very best. The apple crop moves east, and a glance at the map will show the advantage of Weiser geographically in this respect.

Do honey bees thrive here?

The production of alfalfa seed results in a large acreage left to bloom, and this results in the very best of foraging for the honey bee. Our honey is not excelled anywhere.

What can a gardener raise?

Anything that grows anywhere in the temperate zone. Both the size and quality of garden stuff raised here is exceptional.

What is being done to develop the resources?

The great Ox-Bow power plant, the Crane Creek irrigation project, each of which cost a million dollars, and other great projects shortly to be developed indicate the inherent strength of this country as viewed from the capitalist's standpoint.

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Country Home near Weiser

What is the population of Weiser?

Five thousand.

What are the educational advantages at Weiser?

Graded and high schools, besides the Idaho Industrial Institute which is located here, make education available to all, rich and poor alike.

What is the moral tone of the city?

Nowhere that you can go will you find a better moral tone. The numerous churches are not only located there, but they have enthusiastic supporters among all classes, including the young. There are no saloons in Weiser.

What single characteristic of the people is predominant?

Progressiveness. One is surprised at the size of the stores, at their modern equipment, and at the style and quality of the goods offered for sale. With hotels which would be considered adequate to the needs of most towns of equal size, the citizens of this little city meet and in a few hours arrange for the erection of a hotel to cost $60,000.00. Weiserites are satisfied with nothing but the best, and their slogan, "But you can do better in Weiser," is not an empty-sounding phrase, but a fact back of which stands every storekeeper, real estate dealer, farmer and citizen.

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Railroad Station on the Main Line of the Oregon Short Line at Weiser

Is the town growing NOW?

Rapidly. On every hand lots are being sold and houses erected, and even at some distance from town, tracts are being platted and sold to those who desire a home with the comforts and conveniences, but without the crowding of the city.

Why should I go to Weiser?

Because Weiser offers a combination of advantages for making a living and making a home that you cannot afford to overlook.

How do I get to Weiser?

That question will be answered in detail. Weiser is on the main line of the Oregon Short Line Railroad, which is the connecting link between the Union Pacific on the east and the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company on the west. In other words, Weiser is on the most direct, the shortest and the safest line between the East and the Middle West and the Pacific Northwest. All transcontinental trains over these routes pass through Weiser. The train giving the best connections from the East is called the Oregon-Washington Limited, No. 7, and leaves Chicago over the Chicago and Northwestern about 10.00 p. m., Omaha, by the Union Pacific, about 4.00 p. m. the next day, and reaches Weiser about 5.50 a. m. the morning of the third day—a trip of two days and seven hours. Stopovers at Denver, Salt Lake City and other points may be had.

If the traveler desires to visit Weiser, going east, he may leave Portland early in the morning on the O. R. & N., with a beautiful ride along the majestic Columbia, and reach Weiser about 2.00 a. m. the next morning. Or he may leave about 8.00 p. m. and reach Weiser about 3.55 p. m. the following day.

Westbound tickets should read from Chicago, over the Chicago and Northwestern, Union Pacific, Oregon Short Line, and if going farther, the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company. Or if the traveler desires to connect at Omaha in the spacious Union Depot, he may do so by taking the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, the Burlington, the Rock Island or the Illinois Central to that point.

How can I learn more about Weiser?

For full information address The Commercial Club, Weiser, Idaho.

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